MCC
METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

Sunday, April 20, 2014
Easter

A Resurrection Celebration!

930 North 4th Street ♦ Allentown, PA 18102
610-709-8800 ♦ info@mcclv.org ♦ www.mcclv.org

The Mission of MCCLV is to call all people to a holy life in Christ, changing lives and transforming the world

MCC LEHIGH VALLEY ORDER OF SERVICE

As you prepare for worship, take a few moments to reflect on the current state of your relationship with God. Is the communication channel completely open and free of any cross-traffic that might interfere with your ability to hear from God? What do you need to let go of, so that you may let God take control? Close your eyes, take a deep breath and let worship begin for you...

Invitation to Ministry

Opening Song

Call to Worship

A Time of Praise (3 Songs)

Prayer Preparation Song

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Children's Blessing

New Member Blessing

Message

Song of Response

Offering

Offering Song

Communion

Communion Song

Prayer Over Gifts

Closing Song

Commission & Blessing

Administrative Assistant Paula Merkel
Office Hours:
Monday: 8am-2pm
Tues-Thurs: 8am-1pm
Fri: 8am-12 noon

Sunday Bulletin & Announcements

The deadline for all bulletin notices & announcements is **Wednesday at noon** – email to office@mcclv.org

Looking for low-cost space for you birthday party or family celebration? Consider MCCLV's Fellowship Hall for your gathering! Contact Administrative Assistant Paula Merkel at 610-709-8800 or e-mail office@mcclv.org for more information. information.

Audio-Visual Support: Anyone planning an event at MCCLV **is required to see Music & Worship Director Brian Jones** in advance to arrange any needed AV support. The church may not be able to honor last minute requests.

Space Reservation: Any individual or group wishing to schedule a meeting or event at the church **is required to fill out a space reservation form**. Write to office@mcclv.org more information.

MCCLV IS ON YOUTUBE!
To view and subscribe to our channel go to **www.youtube.com** and search **MCC LV**.

FORGE A stronger relationship with Christ and one another—join a FORGE group!

A FORGE group **is not** a Bible study, Christian training session, group therapy, nor a doctrinal boot camp.

A FORGE group **is** a small, relational gathering of Christians, primarily focused on **transformation** and not information, where people learn how to interpret their entire lives through the lens of gospel and grow in faith in Christ.

Groups meet every other week for one hour—for worship, prayer, devotionals, testimonies and fellowship. Although groups are spread out geographically (South, East and West) to make them easier to get to, you may attend whichever group you choose, even if it is not the one nearest you.

FORGE East Leaders:
Barb Baus **babaus@hotmail.com**
Lauren Sheldon **laurenesheldon@gmail.com**

FORGE South Leaders:
Loreli Bauer **lorelibauer@aol.com**
Elaine Ely **pastor_elaine@yahoo.com**

FORGE West Leaders:
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Ron Smith **rsmith.mcclv@gmail.com**

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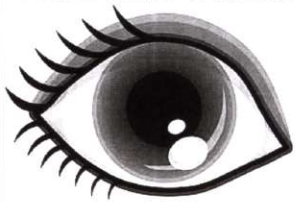
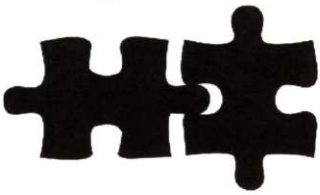
AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way to support MCCLV at no cost. To shop at AmazonSmile go to www.smile.amazon.com and 0.5% of any product marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" will be donated to MCCLV. Those with an existing Amazon account, can continue to use that same account on AmazonSmile. First time visitors to www.smile.amazon.com will need to select a charitable organization to receive donations. MCCLV is listed as **"MCC of the Lehigh Valley"** and will be remembered so that all future purchases made at AmazonSmile will result in a donation to MCCLV. Questions, please see any member of the Board. Again, it's **"MCC of the Lehigh Valley."** Thank you!

Hatred stirs up dissension,
but love covers over all wrongs.
Proverbs 10:12

MCCLV's **Altar Guild** is looking for people who have an eye for design, a heart for good flow and a mind that likes to make sure all the pieces of a puzzle come together. If that is you, email:

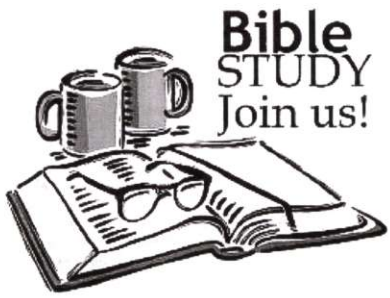
Normana Schaaf at: normanaschaaf@verizon.net





Feast Your Brain on the Bible for 9 Weeks!

Starting in May, MCCLV will host an in-depth study of Paul's Letters to the Romans and Corinthians. The studies will be ed by Rev. Goudy and people from all levels of Biblical background are invited to take part. The Romans study is titled "*Why Do Evangelicals Love Romans So Much They Want to Marry It?*" The 1 Corinthians study is titled "*A Conflicted Church*" and the 2 Corinthians study is titled "*A Conflicted Church, Continued.*" All are welcome and warmly encouraged to grow in Biblical knowledge, wisdom and interpretation. For more information contact the Pastor at rev.goudy@mcclv.org or 610-709-8800.



May 21 at 7pm: Romans 1-4
May 28 @ 7pm: Romans 5-8
June 4 @ 7pm: Romans 9-12
June 11 @ 7pm: Romans 13-16
June 18 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 1-6
June 25 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 7-10
July 2 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 11-16
July 9 @ 7pm: 2 Corinthians 1-7:4
July 16 @ 7pm: 2 Corinthians 7:5-13

HIV Positive Support Group

A HIV support group at MCCLV **meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 12:30pm**. The focus is on living a positive life with HIV—the group is called HIV/Positive Living. This will be a chance to share and have candid discussions. This group is limited to those with HIV, but there will be occasional guest speakers. If you are interested, please contact **Dean Hiatt** at robdean@ptd.net

MCCLV is collecting donations for food cards every **2nd Sunday of the month** after the worship service. Consider making a donation to help those in great need of reducing their grocery store bills. Questions? Contact Michaela Rivera or e-mail her at rednegshart@aim.com

Prayers Needed?

Individual Intercessory Prayer is now available following worship for people in need. It will be held in the Prayer Room and will be led by the Deacons.

Calling All Readers!

Do you enjoy reading novels in a variety of genres? Your help is needed. MCCLV Pastor Elizabeth Goudy will have a rough draft of her book prepared following her sabbatical months of August-September, 2014. A group is needed to read through the manuscript in October, 2014. This is a short-term activity but will require a high level of commitment and focus. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, talk with the Pastor following worship or contact rev.goudy@mcclv.org. Also, if you have experience with the publishing industry or using the services of a literary agent, see the Pastor.

20s30s Meets First Fridays

Are you in your 20s or 30s? Looking for some fun and fellowship? Would you like to connect with others in your age group? Join the fabulous 20s30s crew at their regular gatherings at 7pm on the first Friday of every month at MCCLV. It's a great place to meet others with common goals and kindred spiritual journeys. For details contact Scott George aia e-mail: smgmcclv@gmail.org

Retirees Gatherings

Retirees meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Come and share some "golden" time with similarly blessed retirees!

For more information, contact Karl Steiner, karl.steiner@mcclv.org or Elaine Ely, pastor_elaine@yahoo.com

MCCLV IS ON FACEBOOK!

Search **MCC Lehigh Valley.** All MCCLV related posts and tags will be approved through the office. Thank you for your cooperation!

Remembrances....

Looking for loving or thoughtful memories of a mother, father or veteran. MCCLV would like to use them for upcoming Listserve emails. They can be signed or anonymous. Email office@mcclv.org or provide a written copy to the office.

MCCLV'S COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Open every Sunday at 12:00-1:00 PM to serve the community. The pantry is in need of donations. Drop off items in front of the pantry door. Thank you!

DEALING WITH THE PAIN OF A LOSS?

Loss and grief are part of life, but can be difficult to process alone. Elaine Ely is a trained, experienced and certified specialist in the area of end-of-life issues, loss and grief, being hosted by MCCLV.
Her current hours at the church are:
Wednesdays from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm
(other hours can be arranged upon request).
For a single consultation or on-going counseling, reach her at elaine.ely.pastor@gmail.com or 215-915-4370.

Also, watch for details on an up-coming workshop: "Facing Grief - Yours and Other's", and a 6 week support group series to be offered this fall.

Bringing Christian Traditions Into Dialogue
HERE AT MCCLV IN 2014!

The Convergence Project

Meets every Sunday morning at MCCLV through May 11 at 9:00 AM, facilitated by Robert Schotter, robdean@ptd.net

Just 3 classes remaining!

Sunday April 27 2014: Who Wants to be 'Respectable' Anyway? Reading Scripture from the Margins

Sunday May 4 2014: Who Wants to be 'Respectable' Anyway?" Reading Scripture from the Margins

Sunday May 11, 2014: Talk Back and Wrapping Up

Centering Prayer Group

Centering Prayer begins
Wednesday, May 21

6:00pm
MCCLV's Prayer Room

Meeting weekly on Wednesdays
through July

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord

(Jeremiah 29:11-14)

New Member Welcome & Blessing

Pastor: O God of hospitality, we praise You for the opportunity to welcome new members here today. We thank You for their life stories, their faith journeys and their diversity of gifts. May we who have been here awhile be zealous in our willingness to listen and to learn with these new members and may we all be open to God working in our lives in a new way … Do you, as new members, embrace a life of following Christ?

New Members: We do.

Pastor: Will you pray regularly?

New Members: We will.

Pastor: Will you worship with MCCLV regularly and continually weld yourselves to God and to your brothers and sisters in Christ?

New Members: We will.

Pastor: Do you, as new members, promise to be faithful to Christ's church and share your time, talent and treasure through MCCLV?

New Members: We promise.

Pastor: Let us all pray together …

ALL: God, help us to provide a fertile environment for these new members as we invite them into Your church community. Enable us to take time for one another as we establish a shared faith. Bless us all, O God, as we worship together and seek to be Your servants. Amen.

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Saturday, May 31, 2014

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30th anniversary banquet

5:00 TO 9:00 PM

Chicago
RESTAURANT & NIGHTLIFE

1179 Airport Road
Allentown, PA

Cocktail Hour

CASH BAR

Dinner Selections

Penne pasta or linguini
in cream sauce
sautéed mushrooms,
onions and asparagus

Or

Panko encrusted,
butterflied chicken breast
creamy mushroom garlic sauce,
rosemary garlic mashed potatoes
and sautéed green beans

Dance party with DJ Daniel Alonzo

TICKETS: $35 per person by May 15th
$40 per person after May 15th

NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

To purchase tickets see Cheryl Wenhold after church in the Fellowship Hall until 12:30 p.m. or contact her at cwenhold@ptd.net

Do You Want to Help People Living With HIV/AIDS?

MCCLV is looking for a person to coordinate the church's participation in the annual FACT Games, an event that helps raise funds for people living with HIV/AIDS. The event includes fun games like a pie-eating contest and relay races. The MCCLV FACT Games coordinator will be responsible for gathering together a team and organizing participation in this special fundraiser. To joyfully serve in this position, see Rev. Goudy or e-mail rev.goudy@mcclv.org

A QUOTE FOR YOUR WEEK

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.

(Helen Keller)

Are You An Organized Person?

MCCLV is looking for a person to coordinate the church's participation in the annual Pride Festival in August. It is preferred that persons interested in the position have event-planning experience. However, those with no experience but possessing high energy are encouraged to consider it. MCCLV's Pride Coordinator is responsible for creating a church booth, KidSpace and scheduling volunteers for the booth and KidSpace. This is a short-term, high commitment position. See Rev. Goudy or e-mail rev.goudy@mcclv.org to joyfully take on this opportunity!!

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UPCOMING WORSHIP AT MCCLV

2nd Easter: April 27, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 10:12-22 & Psalm 140
Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
Sermon Title: **"So There's No Partiality With God Yet Why Is The World So Partial?"**

3rd Easter: May 4th, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35
Preaching: Rev. Bob Life
Sermon Title: **"Road to Emmaus"**

4th Easter: May 11, 2014 @10:30am
Scripture Readings: Exodus 35:30-35, 36:1-5
Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
Sermon Title: "**Supporting Cast: Bezalel"**

5th Easter: May 18, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Reading: Ruth 4:1-10
Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
Sermon Title: **"Supporting Cast: Boaz"**

6th Easter: May 25, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Reading: Judges 4:1-10
Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
Sermon Title: **"Supporting Cast: Deborah"**

Want to Know More About MCCLV?

Learn about the blessings that your church is experiencing right now at a Congregational Forum on **Sunday, May 4**. The gathering will start with a **Potluck Meal at 12:00PM,** followed by the **Forum from 12:30-2:00PM.** Strategic goals will be reviewed, along with updated financial information. All are welcome, no need to be a church member. Thank you in advance for all that you have done so far in 2014 to glorify God through MCCLV - your time, talent and treasure really do make a difference!

Tricky Tray Fundraising Committee

Meeting
April 23, 2014
at 7:00pm
In the Board Room
See Sue Carpenter or e-mail
sue.carpenter@us.ing.com
for more information

Early Morning Prayer

What if you could pick up the phone any time you wanted and talk with the most powerful leader or most famous celebrity in the world? Multiply that concept by a million, skip the phone and you're connected to God. WOW! What an amazing gift we are given, 24/7, with the Creator.

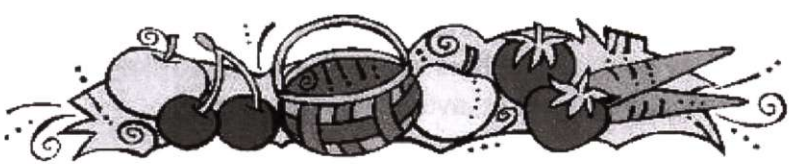
Every Sunday at 8AM, MCCLV gathers to converse with God. Come and be blessed as you connect with God through conversational and silent prayer. It truly is an amazing 45 minutes that will start your week with real power. For more information, contact Karl Steiner, karl.steiner@mcclv.org

Do You Want to Help Feed Hungry People?

MCCLV's annual Free Market fresh food outreach to the neighborhood comes up in September. A Coordinator is needed to serve in this important position that feeds a hungry corner of the Lehigh Valley.

What kind of responsibilities does the coordinator have? The coordinator organizes four weekly trips to the local Farmer's Market for Saturday sell-off, schedules volunteers for the Sunday food give-away and leaflets the neighborhood with the dates & times of the Free Market.

To gladly take on this position, see Rev. Goudy or e-mail rev.goudy@mcclv.org



Do You Play An Instrument?

If you are proficient in Guitar or Bass MCCLV's Joyful Noise Worship Band is looking for you! The Band rehearses weekly on Thursdays @ 7pm during Lent. Contact Brian Jones for more information

Policy & Procedure Committee Forming

All strong organizations run smoothly with clear policies and procedures in place. Do you have a heart for ensuring the safety of our children? Do you believe in the benefits of Direct Dealing? Would you like to help equip MCCLV with the proper tools to protect our congregants, staff, and building? If so, please join us on **Sunday April 27th**, right after worship in the sanctuary, for the first **Policy and Procedure Committee** meeting.

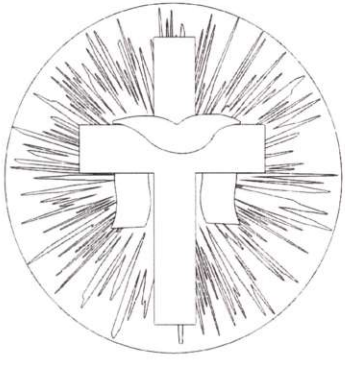
For more information, please see or contact **Lauren Sheldon** laureneshedon@gmail.com or **Emma Marrero** emma.marrero@kidspeace.org

Calling All Techies!

Do you like playing with the latest techy gadget or enjoy knowing how new electronic devices work? MCCLV's Tech Squad could be the place to put your tech-hobby to practical use. Learn how to run MCCLV's multi robotic camera system or how to create the best sound for the sanctuary and how to keep the worship services flow going using the screens. If you would like to know more contact Jeff Hayes at: avteam@mcclv.org

Give a Special Easter Gift
- - TODAY - -

Has God provided you with any goodness or grace so far this year? Has God given you new hope or a new understanding? Has God blessed you or kept you? Today MCCLV gathers and celebrates the resurrection of Christ - praise God for the gift of new life! Give honor to God today by giving a special "extra" Easter financial gift through MCCLV so that your faith community may continue to thrive. Give above your regular financial giving as a thank you for God's goodness, grace, hope and blessings!



Today's Scripture Readings:

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

MCCLV's Weekly 2014 Budgeted for Giving is 3,916.98

Date	Attendance	Giving
4/13/2014	99	$1,764.73
4/6/2014	89	$2,310.48
3/30/2014	100	$2,036.87
3/23/2014	94	$2,491.49

Full financial reporting is provided at the Board meeting on the 2nd Sunday of every month. All are welcome to attend. Additionally, reports may be viewed in the Board binder in the Library.

MCCLV MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Congregational Care & Health:
Karl Steiner | karl.steiner@mcclv.org
20s30s Ministry, Faith Community Nurse, Hospitality, Prayer Team and Reconciliation & Affirmation Ministry

Spiritual Formation:
Robert Schotter | robby.schotter@mcclv.org
Small Group Discipleship, Spiritual Growth Programming and Children & Youth Ministry

Outreach & Justice:
See Rev. Goudy for more information
Evangelism, Free Market, Silent Witness, Food Bank, Messengers Art Ministry and Helping Hands Ministry

Media & Marketing:
See Rev. Goudy for more information
Communications and Marketing Ministry

Denominational Representatives:
Lay Delegates Hope Hilby and Normana Schaaf

MCCLV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sue Carpenter, Jim Harbst, Diana LaTorre, Emma Marrero, Lauren Sheldon and Ron Smith
If you would like an item included on the Board agenda see any Board Member

MCCLV DEACONS

Loreli Bauer, Maricel Concepcion, Clarence Freed, Hope Hilby, Jessica Mitchell, Normana Schaaf, Karl Steiner and Carol Stevens

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